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Helena. Smallpox prevails in the counties of Cross and Chicot, as reported, and probably in many other localities unknown and uncared for.

*Smallpox at Gulfport, Miss.*

Surgeon Smith transmits, January 20, the following report from Acting Assistant Surgeon Sheely, at Gulfport:

"I have the honor to report to you 2 cases of smallpox, one in a white boy of 17, and the other a negro—two foci. I am isolating, and will begin general vaccination as soon as I can obtain vaccine, as there have been quite a number of exposures.

"Other health conditions are excellent."

*Detention of steamship Vaderland at Ellis Island on account of deaths which occurred en route.*

NEW YORK, January 26, 1905.

Surgeon-General WYMAN,  
Washington:

Steamship *Vaderland* and all steerage passengers detained at Ellis Island, except a few landed, were to-day returned to quarantine per request Doctor Doty, on account 11 deaths occurring on voyage.

G. W. STONER.

INSPECTION SERVICE, MEXICAN BORDER.

*Inspection at Eagle Pass, Tex.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume reports as follows:

	Week ended Jan. 21.
Persons inspected on trains .....	136
Persons held .....	0
Pullman cars fumigated .....	7

Bags of Pullman linen disinfected, 16; persons inspected on footbridge, 3,413.

*Inspection at El Paso, Tex.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Alexander reports as follows:

Week ended January 21, 1905: Inspection Mexican Central passengers, 215; inspection Mexican immigrants, 97; inspection Spanish immigrants, 2; inspection special Pullman passengers and servants, 14 persons; inspection certificate of cause of death of corpses transferred into the United States, 2; disinfection of soiled linen imported, 319 pieces; vaccinations of adults and children, 3.

*Inspection at Laredo, Tex.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hamilton reports, through Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick, as follows:

Week ended January 21, 1905: Passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 14; persons on passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 503;